THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) *Enforcement of anti-video piracy laws* is the responsibility of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. The Central Government is in touch with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for intensifying implementation of these laws. For the present, the Government do not contemplate further amendments to the Copyright Act, 1957.

(b) The Indian Federation Against Copyright Theft (FACT), of which National Film Development Corporation is one of the promoters, has been launched by the Film Industry in India. The areas of operation of this body include collaboration on collection of information on video piracy and its dissemination, providing law enforcement agencies with information and evidence of infringement of Copyright Act and educating public on the subject.

(c) Interim Order issued by the High Court of Gujarat in the case of Special Civil Application No. 5933 of 1988 challenging the notification issued by District Magistrate, Valsad declaring the exhibition of films through video and disc antenna as illegal, *inter alia* states that it would be open for the petitioner to exhibit certified cassettes only. The Department of Telecommunications is not issuing any licence for cables laid across a public road nor does it intend permittng it. Implications of the interim Order passed by the High Court of Gujarat are being studied.

(d) The proposal does not appear to be feasible. Besides, there is no consensus on the issue in the industry itself.

Harassment of Scheduled Castes employees of N.F.D.C.

2636. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: *Will the Minister of INFORMATION* AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints of harassment of Scheduled Castes employees of National Film Development Corporation Limited;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken against those senior officials of Group I who have used anti-caste language *scheduled castes* employees?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An employee of National Film Development Corporation belonging to the Scheduled Caste has complained about his alleged supersession in promotion and alleged victimization. He has filed a court case against National Film Development Corporation, Bombay, for redressal of his grievances. The matter is subjudice. Apparently at his behest a few organisations connected with SC/ST welfare have also complained about this case.

(c) No objectionable or anti-caste language has been used by officials of NFDC against the Scheduled Caste employees of the Corporation.

Devastating floods in Assam

2637. SHRI MAULANA ASAD MADNI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses washed away during the last devastating floods in Assam; and

(b) the number of destroyed holding which have been restored up to 15th February, 1989 with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Vijayanagar Steel Plant in Karnataka

2638. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foundation stone for Vijayanagar steel plant in Karnataka was laid by the late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi; and

(b) if so, by when the plant is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to severe constraints on resources, it has not been possible to take substantive steps in this regard.

Tribal Co-operative marketing Development Federation of India Ltd.

2639. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. is aware of the problems being faced by lac producers of Bihar; particularly in tribal areas of the State;

(b) if so, whether experienced and trained persons in the field of lac have been appointed in the organisation; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of posts are lying vacant in different cadres in the organisation, if so, what are the planning of the organisation to fill up these posts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Federation, being a marketing organisation, operates through the state federations. It has fixed a procurement price of Rs. 10-12 per kg. for Baisaki and intimated about it to the Bihar State Cooperative Lac Marketing Federation (BISCOLAMF) for arranging procuremen at this price.

(c) The requirement of staff with the Federation is being continuously assessed and recruitment action taken from time to time. The Federation has issued appointment letters to 72 candidates for various posts during the last three months.

Implemenation of 15 point programme in public undertaking under the control of State Government

2640. SHRI MAULANA ASAD MADNI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of public undertakings where welfare works have been carried out for the welfare of minorities under the 15 Point Programme of the Prime Minister; and

(b) what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) Point No. 10 in the Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme for the Welfare of the Minorities provides that the Public Sector Enterprises, *inter alia*, should ensure that special consideration is given to recruitment from minority communities. Accordingly, the Bureau of Public Enterprises has issued instructions to all the public sector enterprises under their control asking them to constitute Selection Commitees for recruitment to Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts by including representatives of minority communities. State Governments have also been requested by the Ministry of Welfare to take similar action.

Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme basically seeks to ensure that a feeling of security is instilled in the minds of the minorities and that there is no discrmiination. No exclusive programmes or welfare works for the minorities are envisaged under this Programme.

Advertisements to Urdu newspapers by DAVP

2641. SHRI MAULANA ASAD MADNI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the details of the advertisements given by the DAVP to the Urdu newspapers published from Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Patna, Lucknow Kanpur and Banaras from 1st January, 1988 to 15th February, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): The value of the advertisements given to